

GETTING AN ABORTION IN NEVADA

Are you a Nevada woman considering having an abortion?

This webpage has been produced by a group of Pro-Choice Nevadans as a helpful service to all women who want or need (or have had) an abortion. It has been developed to answer any questions you might have about having an abortion in Nevada...where to get one, what to expect, how much it will cost, where to get financial and/or counseling help, and other helpful information so you can have a safe, affordable, and positive abortion experience.

You are not alone....11,000 women in Nevada have abortions each year.

Abortion providers in Nevada (and nearby states)

There are eight abortion providers in Nevada... 7 in Las Vegas and 1 in Reno. We're fortunate that Nevada is one of the few states that has not created difficult roadblocks (restrictive laws, waiting periods, etc.) limiting a woman's right to decide. Women under 18 can choose an abortion without parental consent.

Nevada's abortion clinics are:

In Las Vegas

A-All Women Care Center

7908 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117

Phone: (702) 531-5400

Website: <https://lv gyn.com/>

Services: Medical abortions (the abortion pill) up to 9 weeks* - \$500. Surgical abortions up to 19 weeks* -- \$490 and up, depending on length of pregnancy. Guidance to financial assistance available. Does not take insurance.

A-Z Women's Center

1670 East Flamingo Road, Suite C, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Phone: (702) 892-0660

Website: <https://www.dr ramos las vegas.com/>

Services: Medical abortions (the abortion pill) up to 9.6 weeks* - \$500. Surgical abortions up to 19.6 weeks -- \$500 and up, depending on length of pregnancy.

Guidance to financial assistance available. Does not take insurance. \$20 discount coupon available online.

Birth Control Care Center

872 E. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104

Phone: (702) 733-7889

Website: <https://www.birthcontrolcarecenter.com/>

Services: Medical abortions (the abortion pill) to 10 weeks* - \$500. Surgical abortions up to 24 weeks* - \$500 and up, depending on length of pregnancy. Guidance to financial assistance available. Does not take insurance.

Desert Inn Medical Center - Dr. Frank Silver

1900 E. Desert Inn Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89169

Phone: (702) 735-1960

Website: <http://www.desertinnmedicalcenter.net/services>

Services: surgical abortions only (no medical abortion) up to 12 weeks*; \$400, cash only.

Planned Parenthood - Southwest Las Vegas

3220 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89102

Phone: (702) 878-7776

Website: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/nevada/las-vegas/89102/las-vegas-west-charleston-2304-90210>

Services: Medical abortions (the abortion pill) only, up to 10 weeks* - \$490. Will take some insurance plans. Some financial assistance available.

Planned Parenthood - Southeast Las Vegas

3300 E. Flamingo Rd. #25, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Phone: (702) 547-9888

Website: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/nevada/las-vegas/89121/las-vegas-east-flamingo-2306-90210>

Services: Medical abortions (the abortion pill), up to 10 weeks* - \$490. Will take some insurance plans. Some financial assistance available.

Safe and Sound for Women

3131 La Canada St, Las Vegas, NV 89169

Phone: (702) 221-7233

Website: <http://www.safeandsoundforwomen.com/>

Services: Medical abortions (the abortion pill) up to 8 weeks* -- \$500. Surgical abortions up to 23 weeks* -- \$400 and up, depending on length of pregnancy. Guidance to financial assistance available. Does not take insurance.

In Reno

West End Women's Medical Group

5915 Tyrone Rd, Reno, NV 89502

Phone: (775) 827-0616

Website: <http://www.abortion.cc/>

Services: Surgical abortion only, up to 19 weeks*. \$740, up to 12 weeks; \$1540 and up after 12 weeks. Cash only.

In Neighboring States

For women in Northwest and Central Nevada:

Planned Parenthood - Sacramento, CA

201 29th Street, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95816

Phone: (916) 446-6921

https://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-center/california/sacramento/95816/b-street-health-center-2200-90130?utm_campaign=b-street-health-center&utm_medium=organic&utm_source=local-listing

Services: Medical abortions (the abortion pill) only, up to 10 weeks* - \$590-\$880 (based on income). Surgical abortions up to 12 weeks, \$540-\$1095 (based on income); after 12 weeks, \$690 and up, depending on length of pregnancy. Will take most insurance plans.

* Number of weeks" is calculated from when a woman began her last menstrual period (LMP) prior to becoming pregnant. That is, the first day of your last period counts as day one of your pregnancy.

Sooner is Much Better

If you've already made your decision to terminate your pregnancy, it is much better to have your abortion as soon as possible. If you are under 10 weeks**, you can have a medical (the abortion pill) abortion. If you're past 10 weeks however, you'll need a surgical abortion...they are cheaper and result in fewer possible complications the sooner in one's pregnancy it is performed.

** in some clinics it's 9 weeks.

What you can expect

What happens when you first contact an abortion provider will vary slightly by clinic. Most clinics are *very* supportive and will be as patient and helpful as possible, especially if this is new to you and/or if you're young.

When you first call them, they'll ask your name, date of birth, phone, and how far along in your pregnancy you think you are. They'll ask whether you would like the medical (abortion pill) or surgical abortion. Most women choose the surgical abortion because it is quicker, lets you get back to work sooner, usually results in less pain and bleeding, and , doesn't involve follow-up visits (the medical abortion requires a follow-up visit). Women who choose the pill usually do so because it doesn't involve surgery and because it's a "more private" procedure. Most clinics will clearly and carefully answer questions describing the differences so you can make the decision that is right for you. Please see one clinic's summary of the **two options (link)**.

Your initial phone call will likely also include telling them what insurance you have, and if you have any medical conditions you're dealing with. They'll advise you to read through their "what will happen" information on their website. If you're traveling from 'out-of-the-area,' they'll discuss options for overnight stays.

When you go to the clinic for your abortion, if possible, bring a friend/relative with you...many women feel much more comfortable having this support.

When you arrive for your appointment:

- You'll need to fill out their paperwork (consent forms; medical history, etc.).

- Next you'll be given an ultrasound to determine exactly how far along your pregnancy is.
- A 20-40 minute counseling session with an experienced, caring counselor will cover any questions or concerns you have as well as what your procedure will consist of.
- If you've decided to have a medical abortion (abortion pill), the doctor will explain how the pill works and give you instructions for the second pill you'll take at home, 2 days later, as well as how to take care of yourself in the next few days. They'll schedule a follow-up visit that will include an ultrasound to confirm all has gone smoothly. It's very important you keep this second appointment to avoid any complications.
- If you're having a surgical abortion, your doctor will offer you anti-anxiety medication, perform your abortion (usually only 10 - 25 minutes) and provide follow-up instructions. A 1-2 hour recuperation period in the recovery room is normal ... but patients can then leave and usually do not need any follow-up visits.

For a much more complete understanding of abortion procedures (both the abortion pill and surgical abortions), visit the National Abortion Federation webpage at <https://prochoice.org/think-youre-pregnant/>. Most clinics also have an "Everything you need to know" description of their abortion procedures on their webpage.

Always feel free to ask any questions and request any support you want or need. Each clinic has a very dedicated and caring staff who strongly believe in reproductive rights and want to make you feel completely comfortable and supported as you go through this process. You can be assured of complete confidentiality and privacy in all matters.

Under 18?

If you are under 18 and need an abortion, you may schedule and have an abortion on your own! Nevada has no laws restricting young people's freedom and access to an abortion. You do not need a parent's permission or consent. Most teens feel more comfortable, however, talking over this decision with a trusted, caring parent or other adult.

Paying for an abortion

The abortion pill (also called the medical abortion) can cost between \$450 and \$800, while surgical abortions will cost between \$450 and \$2,500 (this rises the later in pregnancy the abortion occurs). If you need to travel for your abortion,

be sure to think of transportation and possible motel costs, as well as childcare and days off from work (if any of these apply to you).

If you have health insurance, check with your provider to see if they will cover some or all of the costs, although in Nevada most insurance plans won't cover an abortion.

Unfortunately, Medicaid in Nevada will not pay for an abortion even in cases of rape or serious health issues to the woman.

Financial Assistance

Private Insurance: Only a few insurance plans cover abortions in Nevada. Contact your insurance company right away and ask what they'll cover.

Abortion-Assistance Fund Help: Although many states have special abortion-assistance funds, Nevada currently does not. Your clinic may be able to offer suggestions for getting financial help. If not, contact the National Abortion Federation hotline at 800-772-9100. They are usually able to offer some help for low-income women.

How Safe Is Having an Abortion?

Abortion is one of the safest medical procedures performed in America. In fact abortions have much fewer complications and side effects than giving birth.

Medical abortions (the abortion pill) have virtually no risk of complications or side effects. Although any surgical procedure comes with some risk, abortion is actually one of the safest surgical procedures; only 0.05% of women ever experience any complication. And, remember, the earlier in pregnancy an abortion happens, the lower the chances of any complication occurring. Each woman and each pregnancy is of course different. Your provider will be able to discuss any risk factors and possible complications with you at your first appointment.

Please know that although many anti-choice groups falsely claim negative side effects from having an abortion, this is not so. Having an abortion **does not** increase the likelihood of breast cancer, future infertility, depression, or any other negative reaction they try to scare women with.

Do You Have Religious or Spiritual Concerns?

If you have spiritual concerns about having an abortion, you are not alone.

Many women, especially those raised in or exposed to conservative religions, may feel there is something spiritually "wrong" with ending a pregnancy, even

though they believe this is the right, best, correct decision for them (and their current and/or future family).

If you have any spiritual/religious questions or concerns, you might benefit from a confidential conversation with a clergy member from a more mainstream or liberal religion. These pastors and religions support a woman's right to choose; they believe that God loves you and wants you (and your family) to have the best life possible, that God gives everyone free will, and that if you have prayerfully decided terminating your pregnancy is best, He will *fully* support you in your decision.

Please see our **Religious Statement (link)** for additional thoughts on going forward with an abortion and feeling completely religiously comfortable and spiritually blessed with your decision. It includes suggestions for finding local pastors you can talk with – as well as a national abortion-counseling hotline – both of which can give you free, confidential support and answers to any religious questions you have to help you in your abortion decision-making.

Rape

Rape is one of the worst and most difficult experiences a woman can have. Becoming pregnant as a result only compounds this horrible trauma. Our deepest concerns and sympathies go to any woman in this situation. To offer help through this situation, the A-Z Women's Center in Las Vegas offers special free abortion counseling and services to any rape victim.

Beware: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Crisis Pregnancy Centers, or CPCs, are fake abortion clinics run by religious, anti-choice groups whose sole purpose is talking women out of having an abortion. They are known to give false and misleading abortion information with little scientific basis. They are often located near abortion clinics and have deceptive names like "Women's Care Clinic" or "Pregnancy Resource Center." They offer "Free Pregnancy Testing" as a lure and then push anti-abortion information on the woman while they wait for their "longer-than-needed" test results.

Visit <http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/what-is-choice/abortion/abortion-crisis-pregnancy-centers.html> for more information.

Reno CPCs: Crisis Pregnancy Center (its real name!)

Las Vegas CPC's: First Choice Pregnancy Center and Women's Resource Medical Center

SOME HELPFUL FACTS ABOUT ABORTION

30% of American women will have an abortion before 45.

59% of women having an abortion are mothers with one or more children.

925,000 abortions were performed in the U.S. in 2014. 11,000 abortions were performed in Nevada.

62% of women having an abortion are religiously affiliated.

39% of women having an abortion are white; 28% are black; 25% are Hispanic.

88% of women having an abortion are 20 or older; 12% are teens.

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Reasons women have abortions: Not ready for a(nother) child, 25%; Can't afford a baby, 23%; Am finished having children, 19%; Don't want to be a single mother, 8%; Health issues with mother or fetus, 7%; Too young to raise a child, 7%; Would interfere with education or career plans, 4%; All other, 7%.

Source: Guttmacher Institute

Questions? Feedback? Updates? Please contact _____ if you have suggestions or additional information that would be helpful to include on this webpage.

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